

# Southern WV Safety Alert

Two truck drivers were fatally injured and two truck drivers were also injured when a parked haulage truck rolled down a grade and struck a pump house. The four truck drivers were eating lunch in the pump house when the accident occurred. The haulage truck was parked on a grade 65 feet from the pump house without the park brake set, and the wheels were not blocked or turned into the berm.



## Preventive Practices:

- ✓ Mobile equipment should not be left unattended unless the brakes are set. The wheels should be turned into a bank or berm, or should be blocked, when such equipment is parked on a grade.
- ✓ The service brake hand control should never be used for a parking brake.
- ✓ A specific area should be designated for parking and the safe change-out of truck drivers. This area should be level and provide adequate space for proper parking.
- ✓ Pre-operational checks and required/preventative maintenance should be performed regularly on equipment. Special attention should be given to the maintenance of braking systems, steering components and tires.
- ✓ Equipment with safety defects must be removed from service immediately.
- ✓ Effective supervision and training, including safe operating procedures for equipment, should be provided for truck drivers.

